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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SASAKI, Tsutomu et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2188**

Serial No.: **09/745,303**

Examiner: **Kevin L. ELLIS**

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For: **DATA REPRODUCTION DEVICE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 2188

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **October 16, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: